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To prohibit the importation of any textile or apparel article that is produced,
manufactured, or grown in Burma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2000

Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mr. PORTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROHR-
ABACHER, and Mr. KUCINICH) introduced the following bill; which was
referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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that is produced, manufactured, or grown in Burma.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SANCTIONS AGAINST BURMA.**

4 (a) IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
6 provision of law, until such time as the President de-
7 termines and certifies to Congress that Burma has
8 met the conditions described in paragraph (2), no
9 textile or apparel article that is—

1 (A) described in chapter 50, 51, 52, 53,
2 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, or 63 of the
3 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United
4 States, and

5 (B) is produced, manufactured, or grown
6 in Burma,
7 may be imported into the United States.

8 (2) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The conditions
9 described in this paragraph are the following:

10 (A) The Government of Burma has made
11 substantial progress in reversing the persistent
12 pattern of gross violations of internationally-
13 recognized human rights and worker rights, in-
14 cluding the elimination of forced labor and the
15 worst forms of child labor.

16 (B) The Government of Burma has made
17 measurable and substantial progress toward im-
18 plementing democratic government including—

19 (i) releasing all political prisoners;

20 (ii) developing a dialogue between the
21 State Peace and Development Council
22 (SPDC) and democratic opposition groups
23 within Burma (including Aung San Suu
24 Kyi and the National League for Democ-

1 racy (NLD) and leaders of Burma’s ethnic
2 groups); and

3 (iii) holding free and fair elections as
4 called for by those officials who were duly
5 elected in Burma in 1990.

6 (C) The Government of Burma has made
7 measurable and substantial progress toward full
8 cooperation with United States counter-nar-
9 cotics efforts pursuant to the terms of section
10 570(a)(1)(B) of Public Law 104–208, the For-
11 eign Operations, Export Financing, and Related
12 Programs Appropriations Act, 1997.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this sec-
14 tion shall apply to any article entered, or withdrawn from
15 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
16 the date of enactment of this Act.

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